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TO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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VIENNA ALSO FOR UNIDO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: VIENNA AS THIRD UN CITY: FIFTH COMMITTEE

REF; (A) VIENNA 8504, (B) 8685, (C) USUN 4148

1. WE UNDERSTAND AND SHARE MANY OF CONCERNS EXPRESSED
REFTEL C AND IN PARTICULAR POSSIBILITY OF EXTRA COSTS TO US
THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM VIENNA AS A THIRD UN CITY.

2. ACCORDINGLY, OUR POSITION ON AUSTRIAN OFFER IS AS
FOLLOWS:

WE PREFER THAT UN MEETINGS BE HELD PRIMARILY AT UN
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HEADQUARTERS AND SECONDARILY AT GENEVA. THERE ARE, HOWEVER,

GROWING PRESSURES NOT ONLY TO HOLD MORE MEETINGS AWAY FROM NEW YORK BUT ALSO TO LOCATE THEM IN THE VARIOUS UN REGIONAL CENTERS, ESPECIALLY IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, PARTICULARLY POLITICAL, LOGISTICAL AND FINANCIAL, WE WOULD PREFER VIENNA OVER REGIONAL CENTERS. AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE RELUCTANT TO EXPRESS SUPPORT TO THE AUSTRIANS FOR VIENNA UNTIL THERE IS CLARIFICATION OF THEIR OFFER (RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETION OF CONFERENCE BUILDING, INCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS, AND ANY EXTRA COST TO MEMBER STATES FOR CONFERENCES IN VIENNA). WE WOULD ALSO LIKE INFORMATION ON EXTENT TO WHICH SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL MIGHT BE RELOCATED IN VIENNA.

3. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY (REFTEL A) THAT AUSTRIAN OFFER PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO PUT PRESSURE ON FOR SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF GOA VAT ISSUE. INGERSOLL

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